

What is claimed is:

1 1. A rear grip apparatus for a personal watercraft having a deck and a seat on the deck, said
2 rear grip apparatus provided for placement behind the seat and for being grasped by a passenger,
3 said rear grip apparatus comprising:

4 a body member having a U-shaped or an H-shaped cross-section and
5 comprising a sculpted recessed portion with an opening formed therein which
6 faces upwardly; and
7 a grip face member separate from said body member for placement covering
8 said sculpted recess thereof.

1 2. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said grip face member fits nestingly into
2 the opening of said sculpted recessed portion.

1 3. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said grip face member is a product of an
2 injection molding process.

1 4. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said grip face member has slip-resistant
2 textured irregularities formed on at least a portion thereof.

1 5. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said grip face member comprises a center
2 section and two integrally formed reinforcing ribs extending downwardly at opposite side edges
3 of said center section.

1 6. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said sculpted recessed portion of said
2 body member has a tapered cross-sectional shape.

1 7. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said body member comprises a generally
2 U-shaped rail portion which includes the sculpted recessed portion therein, and a bridge portion
3 connecting opposed legs of the rail portion to define a generally A-shaped member

1 8. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said grip face member has a plurality of
2 substantially tubular integral bosses on the underside thereof, to receive fasteners therein.

1 9. The rear grip apparatus of claim 1, wherein said grip face member has a plurality of
2 holes formed therein to facilitate attachment to the body member.

1 10. A rear grip apparatus for a personal watercraft having a deck and a seat on the deck, said
2 rear grip apparatus provided for placement behind the seat and for being grasped by a passenger,
3 said rear grip apparatus comprising:
4 a body member comprising a sculpted recessed portion with an opening
5 formed therein which faces upwardly; and
6 a grip face member separate from said body member for placement covering
7 said sculpted recess thereof;
8 wherein said grip face member is a product of an injection molding
9 process, and has slip-resistant textured irregularities formed on at least a portion
10 thereof.

1 11. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said grip face member comprises a
2 center section and two integrally formed reinforcing ribs extending downwardly at opposite side
3 edges of said center section.

1 12. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said sculpted recessed portion of said
2 body member has a tapered cross-sectional shape.

1 13. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said body member comprises a
2 generally U-shaped rail portion which includes the sculpted recessed portion therein, and a
3 bridge portion connecting opposed legs of the rail portion to define a generally A-shaped
4 member

1 14. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said grip face member has a plurality
2 of substantially tubular integral bosses on the underside thereof, to receive fasteners therein.

1 15. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said grip face member has a plurality of
2 holes formed therein to facilitate attachment to the body member.

1 16. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said grip face member fits nestingly into the
2 opening of said sculpted recessed portion.

1 17. A rear grip apparatus for a personal watercraft having a deck and a seat on the deck,
2 said rear grip apparatus provided for placement behind the seat and for being grasped by a
3 passenger, said rear grip apparatus comprising:
4 a body member comprising a sculpted recessed portion with an opening
5 formed therein which faces upwardly; and
6 a grip face member separate from said body member for placement covering
7 said sculpted recess thereof;
8 wherein said grip face member fits nestingly into the opening of said
9 sculpted recessed portion;
10 wherein said body member comprises a generally U-shaped rail portion
11 which includes the sculpted recessed portion therein, and a bridge portion
12 connecting opposed legs of the rail portion to define a generally A-shaped
13 member;
14 and wherein said grip face member is a product of an injection molding
15 process, and has slip-resistant textured irregularities formed on at least a portion
16 thereof.

1 18. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said grip face member comprises a
2 center section and two integrally formed reinforcing ribs extending downwardly at opposite side
3 edges of said center section.

1 19. The rear grip apparatus of claim 10, wherein said sculpted recessed portion of said
2 body member has a tapered cross-sectional shape.